

Summer Anne Webb

June 28, 2008 ~ August 18, 2023

South Jordan, UT - Summer Anne Webb listened to her favorite song one last time and then peacefully passed away, surrounded by family, in the morning of August 18, 2023. She was born June 28, 2008 to Jason Patdreeko Webb and Nanette Jill Watson Webb.

Summer was a shining example of how to be your best you. She was a momo twin (high risk for stillbirth as the twins share both the chords and amniotic sacs during pregnancy). She also had many heart issues from birth. Their first miracle was that the twins were born alive. In the beginning, they were so tiny that we dressed them in doll clothes.

Summer had her first open heart surgery at 11 days old and her second at 5 months. At which time, the doctors told us she wasn't recovering well and had only weeks or, at most, months left to live. We took her home to be together while we said goodbye. But Summer had other plans. Weeks became months, and then the first of fourteen bonus years began.

As a baby, she'd laugh with her entire body–something she never outgrew. She filled those bonus years with music, giggling, playing, and a refreshing honesty paired with an unblemished sweetness. We are so grateful for each extra day we had with her.

Summer valued safety and having fun over everything else. Safety looked like knowing what comes next and being ok. Many who know her have heard her say, "and then what?" If someone was not feeling ok, she would gently put her hand on their shoulder and tell them "you're ok."

Fun sometimes looked like spinning around in an office chair with cat-ear headphones listening to her favorite music for hours, of course. It also looked like watching tantrum videos in super slow motion. It also looked like giggling with someone you love, singing for an audience, or calling out Dad when he was breaking the family rules … again (/facepalm!).

Summer showed us that part of truly living is being brave and seeking what you want. She would go to the hospital, again and again, even though the hardest things happened there. She used to sing to comfort herself during blood draws.

Summer wanted and sought music with her whole heart and soul. Despite all the scary and painful things that happened at hospital visits, she only cried *inconsolably* when her school refused to play her favorite music at school dances–due to containing swears or being in Korean. She would burst into tears even recounting it. She loves music so much and would share that absolute joy with everyone she knew. A fountain of knowledge on music artists, she'd regularly tell people she'd just met to "search them up on youTube" or "Ask Alexa to play it for you. Do it!".

She admired strong women – especially music artists who sing without restraint, who sing really high notes, sing really loud, even screaming, who express their feelings honestly. She loved singing, performing, acting, and the cheers/applause of a live audience. In June (thanks to the generosity and speedy actions of the Make A Wish Foundation), Summer and her family traveled to San Diego to attend the concert of her absolute favorite music artist. Summer was over the moon as she got to meet this amazing woman shortly before the concert started. We will always treasure those beautiful moments.

In July, Summer underwent her final open heart surgery. At first things went well. Her face, lips, ears, hands and feet all pinked up as her body got more oxygen than her heart had ever managed before. (PINK is her favorite color!) Tragically, significant complications arose that the doctors weren't able to resolve.

She spent her last month in the hospital where we sat with her listening to her favorite songs, which she indicated brought her great joy and comfort. She took her final breath in her father's arms (with more family standing by) after hearing "The Contortionist" by Melanie Martinez play, one more bonus time.

Summer is survived by her twin: Bread(15), brothers: Ethan(16), Jacob(18), and Snail(23), parents: Jason and Nanette, Grandparents: Calvin and Paige Webb, Elden and Anne Watson, as well as numerous aunts and uncles and cousins, who she loved very much.

Funeral services will be held inside the Larkin Mortuary - Riverton Mortuary, 3688 West 12600 South Riverton, UT 84065 at 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 26, 2023. A viewing will be held earlier that same day beginning at 2:00 PM in the same building. Those who are unable to attend the funeral service in person can join virtually via this Zoom. Then after a few days, Summer's urn will be welcomed home to be with her family, always.

Summer enjoyed celebrations. We welcome all who wish to come celebrate her beautiful life and see her off; it is another bonus day together. Feel free to wear some pink for her. She'll like that. We will have a program so that everyone knows "and then what." We can check in on each other and remind those we love that "you're ok." And, we can maybe have some fun in our own unique ways.

Sweet girl, we will love and remember you and keep you in our hearts. It is our great privilege to know you. Fly high, my sweet Summer-Love. xoxo

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